

MINUTES
NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, September 3, 2003
3rd Floor, One Civic Center

Present: Chairman John Shultz
Vice Chair Patty Badenoch
Commissioners Sue Alsworth, John Horwitz (arrived 5:36 PM)
Dick Kiesell, George Knowlton and Nancy Wendorf

Staff Present: Raun Keagy, Judy Register, Monique De Los Rios-Urban,
Brent Stockwell, Joanie Mead,

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Neighborhood Enhancement Commission was called to order at 5:30 PM and members were present as stated above.

APPROVAL OF 8/06/03 MEETING MINUTES

COMMISSIONER KIESELL MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 6, 2003 MINUTES.
VICE CHAIR BADENOCH SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 6-0.

OVERVIEW OF THE INDIAN BEND AREA NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH SURVEY

Monique De Los Rios-Urban, Senior Planner with Community and Development Services, was present to discuss a program designed to pinpoint neighborhood priorities, where they are located, and to help decide where to place financial and staff resources. A 'windshield survey' or 'health survey' was completed in a 13 square mile area south of Chaparral and about 50 miles was driven in the survey. Factors such as code violations, age of structures, calls to police, and sidewalk or pavement conditions were noted and entered into a database. Conditions of the area were ranked from 1 – 5, with 1 being poor and 5 being outstanding. Queries were then made to the database and maps were created showing locations in the city where different factors were located. Staff then looked for patterns of poor conditions to see where concentrations might be and where help might be needed. Maps were presented which indicated where homes were located that were built in the 1950's, 1960's, and newer, as well as maps indicating where poor pavement conditions existed, where crime patterns existed, etc.

Monique said staff would like to do the same survey every two years. They will also be surveying the area between Chaparral and Indian Bend and patch that data into this program in order to be consistent with the Indian Bend Area Implementation plan which begins at Indian Bend.

Commissioner Wendorf hoped they would keep a record of the variances as the neighborhoods changed or were updated.

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PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD NOTIFICATION PROGRAM

Brent Stockwell, Citizen Liaison, discussed how a census was conducted of neighborhood groups and Homeowner Associations (HOAs) to identify their leaders, to gather contact information, and to encourage participation in the Neighborhood Notification Program. One year ago only 104 groups were mapped and now over 650 have been identified and 277 are participating in the program. North of Union Hills, 151 neighborhood groups and HOAs have been identified; from Indian Bend to Union Hills there are 264; and south of Indian Bend there are 235. Information about these groups can be used to help notify residents about different projects affecting their neighborhoods.

Discussion was held about the benefits of victims' rights for neighborhood associations and Commissioners were encouraged to contact Lisa Cline for more information. Mr. Stockwell noted that Ms. Cline, when dealing with victims' rights, could give information on crimes only to the contact person for a neighborhood.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE COMMISSION ACTION ON NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT PARTNERSHIP (NEP) REQUEST FROM CABALLO RANCHOS

Ms. Sonnie Stevens, representing 44 horse properties in the Old Goettl Ranch area, reviewed that this neighborhood was awarded \$1580 by the commission last year for an emergency repair to a leak. She thanked staff and the commission for this funding and said she was looking forward to presenting an application under the new program to seek additional funding to assist in repairing the rest of the 40 year-old system.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE COMMISSION ACTION ON A NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT PARTNERSHIP (NEP) REQUEST FROM THE SCOTTSDALE BLOCK WATCH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Joe Rios, President of the Block Watch Advisory Council, discussed the program and requested funding for their kick-off event and for GAIN day. He thanked the commission for their past participation and said he would appreciate any amount in view of current fiscal constraints.

In response to Commissioner Kiesell, Mr. Rios said their group was a non-profit, tax exempt corporation. One of the ways they raised money was by collecting old cell phones in donation boxes located around the city and sending them back to wireless companies for reimbursement of \$0.50 to \$1.00 each.

Commissioner Wendorf suggested ways to reuse some of the signage and t-shirts to save money as well.

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VICE CHAIR BADENOCH MOVED TO APPROVE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5000 FOR THESE EVENTS. COMMISSIONER ALSWORTH SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 7-0.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE COMMISSION ACTION ON PROPOSED CRITERIA FOR REVIEWING NEP APPLICATIONS

Joanie Mead, Neighborhood Education Manager, said the first orientation workshops for the new program will be held September 23rd and 25th and press releases will occur. Commissioners were invited to attend one or both sessions. Mr. Keagy added that he hoped a Commissioner would volunteer to teach future classes.

Ms. Mead distributed evaluation criteria for discussion. Currently there were six proposed categories to be used for ranking the applications. Ranking systems for the cities of Coconut Creek FL, Eugene OR, Seattle WA, Redmond WA, and Provo UT were reviewed. Some cities used a point system and some merely used broad categories to evaluate applications for funding.

After discussion, the commission concluded a point system was not necessary for Scottsdale. A list of factors would be presented and applications would be evaluated by the commission under the guidelines of the program.

STAFF AND COMMISSION UPDATES (A.R.S. 38-431.02 (K))

An updated listing of contact information for commissioners was distributed.

Commissioner Alsworth thanked Code Enforcement for their help in a neighborhood complaint.

Mr. Keagy discussed a case related to front yard parking on Thomas Road, and said a civil citation will be written for the violation and an arraignment date has been set. So far, six notices of violation have been written since the new ordinance was enacted.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC (A.R.S. 38-431.02)

No members of the public were present.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

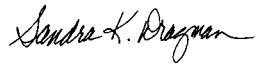
The next meeting date will be October 1, 2003 at 5:30 PM. Commissioner Horwitz said he would be unable to attend that meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sandra K. Dragman".

Sandy Dragman
Recording Secretary